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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 24, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces the incomplete listing provided in the Amendment filed October 12, 2006.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.